

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of February 15, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at the Department of Public Health Complex, 410 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470- A/B.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Maureen Liegeot  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
Regina Stankaitis  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Richard Harris  
Patricia Loving, PA

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the December 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. CT Health I-Team article – “Disciplined Docs Practice Freely in State”

The Board has concerns regarding the issues raised in this article. This will be added to the workgroup discussion on January 18, 2010.

B. Department of Public Health

Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Section addressed the Board regarding meeting locations and security issues.

Dr. Sadinsky arrived at 1:40 p.m.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section reported that updates regarding pending legislation will be prepared by the Department’s Office of Government Relations.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A Petition for License Reinstatement

Francisco Carbone, MD – Petition No. 2008-1022-001-201

Francisco Carbone, MD presented the Board with his request for license reinstatement. Dr. Carbone's license was revoked in March 2005. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health.

Following discussion Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green that Dr. Carbone be provided with a hearing before a hearing panel which will make a recommendation to the Board concerning Dr. Carbone's request for reinstatement. The motion passed.

B. Respondent Motion to Dismiss Statement of Charges

Jarir Nakouzi, MD – Petition No. 2007-0424-001-060

Attorney Heidi Cilano was present with Dr. Nakouzi. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard argument from Attorney Cilano and Attorney Tilles on respondent's motion to dismiss the Statement of Charges in this matter. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to enter executive session to discuss a written request from Dr. Bridburg seeking for legal advice from Hearing Officer Joanne V. Yandow. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered executive session from 2:30 p.m. to 2:43 p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session. Following executive session Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion to dismiss the Statement of Charges. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

C. Respondent Motion to Dismiss Statement of Charges

Neil Smerling, MD – Petition No. 2008-0314-001-052

Oral argument regarding this matter will be rescheduled to the March 15, 2011 Board meeting.

D. Respondent Motion to Amend Decision

Charles Jones, MD - Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010

2006-0407-001-068

2006-0411-001-069

Attorney Elliott Pollack was present for Dr. Jones. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard argument from Attorney Pollack and Attorney Tilles on respondent's motion to amend the Board's Memorandum of Decision in this matter as it pertains to practice monitoring. Following argument Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to deny the motion to amend decision. The motion to deny passed unanimously.

**VI. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Joseph Bartoszek, Jr., PA – Petition No. 2010-5621

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Joseph Bartoszek, Jr., PA. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Stankaitis who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Shue Wong, MD – Petition No. 2010-5634

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Shue Wong, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Carlos Benavides, MD – Petition No. 2010-310

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Carlos Benavides, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

D. Edmund West, MD – Petition No. 2010-5329

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Edmund West, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of March 15, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Maureen Liegeot  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Richard Bridburg, MD  
Richard Harris  
Regina Stankaitis

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

I. Donna Brewer, Section Chief, Public Health Hearing Section introduced Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MPA, Commissioner, Department of Public Health. Dr. Mullen briefly addressed the Board to the Board.

II. **MINUTES**  
The draft minutes of the February 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

III. **UPDATES**  
A. **Chair Updates**  
The following information was reviewed:  
1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.  
2. Hearing assignments.

B. **Department of Public Health**  
William Gerrish, Director, Office of Communications, Department of Public Health provided an overview of the responsibilities of the Communications Office. Mr. Gerrish discussed media inquiries regarding complaints, regulatory issues and public health concerns. Responding to negative publicity was also discussed. The feels a proactive approach with the media is prudent.

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigations Section provided an update regarding pending legislation.

C. Health Assistance interVention Education Network for Connecticut Health Professionals – (HAVEN)

Maureen Dinnan, Executive Director provided the annual update regarding the Haven Program. There are approximately 210 individuals currently enrolled in the program, inclusive of 76 physicians and 2 physician assistants.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Respondent Motion to Dismiss Statement of Charges

Neil Smerling, MD – Petition No. 2008-0314-001-052

Attorney David Robertson was present for Dr. Smerling. Staff Attorney Diane Wilan was present for the Department of Public Health. The Board heard argument from Attorney Robertson and Attorney Wilan on respondent's motion to dismiss the Statement of Charges in this matter.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to deny respondent's motion to dismiss the Statement of Charges. The motion to deny passed with all in favor except, Ms. Loving, Dr. Lindberg and Dr. Rissi who were opposed.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

Ashokkumar K. Shah, MD – Petition No. 2005-0502-001-115

The Board reviewed a request filed by Ashokkumar K. Shah, MD asking to reduce the period of probation set forth in a Memorandum of Decision January 20, 2006. Dr. Shah's probation is schedule to conclude on September 1, 2011.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to deny respondent's request to modify the January 20, 2006 Memorandum of Decision to allow for the termination of probation. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who abstained.

**VI. ASSIGN HEARING PANELS**

A. Francisco Carbone, MD (Reinstatement Hearing)

Dr. Lindberg will chair the hearing panel in this matter. The Board Liaison will seek two additional panelists for this hearing and will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

B. Asante Mendes, MD – Petition No. 2009-2009264

The Board Liaison will seek panelists for this hearing and will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

C. Rabindranath Mahabir, MD – Petition No. 2009-0407-001-009

The Board Liaison will seek panelists for this hearing and will coordinate the scheduling of hearing dates.

**VII. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

C. Berken, MD – Proposed Memorandum of Decision to be presented on April 19, 2011.

R. Hillsman, MD – Hearing scheduled for May 10, 2011.

D. Lastomirsky, MD – Draft decision being written.

P. Nath, MD – Hearing scheduled for October 7, 2011.

G. Ramirez, MD - Proposed Consent Order to be presented on April 19, 2011.

B. Raxlen, MD - Draft decision being written.

R. Sica, MD – Hearing scheduled for April 26, 2011.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows to approve a 120-day extension in the above matters. The motion passed unanimously.

**VIII. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Brian Malone, MD - Petition No. 2008-0228-001-041

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Brian Malone, MD. Attorney Christine Robinson was present with respondent.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Robert Sterling, MD – Petition No. 2010-5675

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Robert Sterling, MD. Respondent was present without representation.

Respondent surrendered his license to practice in January 2010.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Reinstatement Consent Order, which reinstates respondent's license and imposes probation with conditions for a period of five years. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of APRIL 19, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at the Department of Public Health Complex, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 470-A/B.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Maureen Liegeot  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Richard Harris  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
Regina Stankaitis

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the March 15, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Randy Hassen, MD – Appeal of Memorandum of Decision
4. FSMB Annual Meeting – April 28, 2011

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Residency Equivalency Determination – Irina Collins, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Collins's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg to accept Dr. Collin's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement.

The motion failed as only Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Bridburg and Ms. Loving voted in favor of the motion.

- B. Charles R. Jones, MD  
Petition Nos. 2006-0111-001-010, 2006-0407-001-068, 2006-0411-001-069

Respondent Motion for Evidentiary Hearing and to Modify Decision

Attorney Elliott Pollack was present on behalf of Dr. Jones. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Bridburg, to deny respondent's motion for evidentiary hearing and to modify decision. The motion to deny passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who abstained.

- B. Proposed Memorandum of Decision - Clifford Berken, MD - Petition No. 2008-1208-001-244

Attorney Mary Alice Moore Leonhardt was present for respondent. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf to enter executive session to discuss confidential medical information regarding respondent. The motion passed unanimously and the Board entered Executive Session from 2:00p.m. – 2:01p.m. No motions were made and no votes were taken during executive session.

Following executive session the Board heard comments from Attorneys Moore Leonhardt and Attorney Antonetti regarding the Department of Public Health's request to add language to the Memorandum of Decision.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to add a provision to the decision restricting respondent from having a solo practice. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, that respondent be permanently restricted from treating patients under the age of (18) eighteen. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who abstained.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision with the changes. The motion passed with all in favor.

The Memorandum of Decision, which places respondent's license on probation for a period of five years, will be signed by Ms. Doremus following the inclusion of the additional language.

**IV. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

J. Bristol, MD – Petition No. 2008-0714-001-138: Hearing scheduled April 28, 2011

G. Sternstein, MD – Petition No. 2009-200921: Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

M. Yekta, MD – Petition No. 2007-0328-001-047: Hearing to be rescheduled.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to approve a 120-day extension in the above matters. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

- A. Francis Lobo, MD – Petition No. 2010-5648

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Francis Lobo, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent's license is suspended pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

- B. George Northrop, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091156

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of George Northrop, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent's license is suspended pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Anton Chinniah, MD – Petition No. 2009-0114-001-008

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Reinstatement Consent Order in the matter of Anton Chinniah, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order. Following discussion Dr. Bridburg withdrew his motion to approve and made a new motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to table this matter to allow additional information to be presented to the Board. The motion passed unanimously.

D. James Gallagher, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091331

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of James Gallagher, MD. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the modification. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

E. Robert Hindes, MD – Petition No. 2011-48

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Robert Hindes, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Rona Murphy.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a five year period of probation, a reprimand, a practice restriction and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

F. Gilberto Ramirez, MD – Petition No. 2008-0211-001-026

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Gilberto Ramirez, MD. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to approve the Consent Order, which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf and Dr. Green who recused themselves. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES of May 17, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Richard Bridburg, MD  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Maureen Liegeot  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** David M. Goldenberg, MD

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Rabbi Greer was welcomed to his first meeting as member of the Board.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates  
The following information was reviewed:
1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
  2. Hearing assignments.

- B. Department of Public Health  
None

**III. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Michael Anthony, MD – Petition No. 2011-482  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented an Interim Consent Order in the matter of Michael Anthony. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Interim Consent Order by which respondent's license is suspended pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. Anton Chinniah, MD – Petition No. 2009-0114-001-008  
David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Anton Chinniah, MD. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny approval of the Consent Order. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Sadinsky and Rabbi Greer who abstained. Dr. Bridburg commented that this case should proceed to a hearing.

C. Sarah Watson, PA – Petition No. 2009-2009287

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Sarah Watson, PA. Attorney Richard O'Connor was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Bridburg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$2000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

E. Murray Wellner, MD – Petition No. 2011-161

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Modification of Consent Order in the matter of Murray Wellner, MD. Attorney John Droney was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Rissi made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a two year period of probation, a reprimand, a prescribing restriction and a \$10000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with the exception of Dr. Jacobs who was opposed, and Dr. Green and Dr. Wolf who recused themselves. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

IV. **OTHER BUSINESS**

The topic of communication with the media was discussed. Dr. Bridburg commented that the Department of Public Health and the Board have good working relationship where physician discipline is concerned – the common goal is for the protection of the public. The consensus of the Board was that communication with the media should be by the Board Chairperson and/or the Department of Public Health Office of Communications.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of June 21, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

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**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Howard Sadinsky, DO

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Ven Hsu, MD - Petition No. 2010-5672

Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health. Dr. Hsu was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Gordon and Mr. Andrews who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order revoking Dr. Hsu's license.

**II. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the May 17, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**III. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

Mr. Andrews, Dr. Gordon and Mr. McAnaney were welcomed to their first meeting as members of the Board.

The following information was reviewed:

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Superior Court dismissal of an appeal filed by Randy Hassen, MD
4. Appellate Court Opinion upholding a Superior Court decision regarding the Board's Memorandum of Decision pertaining to Charles Jones, MD.

B. Department of Public Health

Jennifer Filippone, Section Chief, Practitioner Licensing and Investigation reported on legislation which passed during the 2011 session.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS cont.**

Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Bernard Raxlen, MD - Petition No. 2003-1216-001-286

Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Attorney Heidi Cilano was present on behalf of Dr. Raxlen.

Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision dismissing the charges against Dr. Raxlen. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

Department of Public Health Request for Modification of Memorandum of Decision

Clifford Berken, MD – Petition No. 2008-1208-001-244

Assistant Attorney General Kerry Colson was present to provide counsel to the Board. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present on behalf of the Department of Public Health. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

The Board reviewed the Department's request to modify a Memorandum of Decision issued by the Board on April 21, 2011. The Board also reviewed respondent's written response to the request. Dr. Wolf, who chaired the hearing panel in this matter, expressed the view of the hearing panel. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny the Department's request for reconsideration. Respondent's license is currently lapsed because it has not been renewed. Should respondent request reinstatement the Memorandum of Decision would be reviewed to determine if any of its terms need modification as a condition of re-licensure.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Harold Beam, MD – Petition No. 2010-5010

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Harold Beam, MD. Respondent was present with counsel.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$10,000.00 civil penalty and a reprimand. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Doremus who was opposed and Dr. Gordon who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

B. David Heimbinder, MD – Petition No. 2010-5787

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of David Heimbinder, MD. Attorney Christine Robinson was on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order which imposes a \$5,000.00 civil penalty. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Rissi who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Rabindranath Mahabir, MD – Petition Nos. 2008-200860, 2008-2008106, 2009-2009160

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Rabindranath Mahabir, MD. Attorney Andrew Pianka was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to reject the Consent Order and have this case proceed to hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Rabbi Greer who abstained.

D. Amy O'Donnell, MD – Petition No. 2011-25

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Legal Office, Department of Public Health, presented a Consent Order in the matter of Amy O'Donnell, MD. Attorney Hilary Fisher Nelson was present with respondent.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to reject the Consent Order and have this case proceed to hearing. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs and Dr. Lindberg who were opposed and Ms. Loving who abstained.

E. Chiman Patel, MD – Petition No. 2011-296

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health, presented a Motion for Summary Suspension in the matter of Chiman Patel, MD. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Tynan.

Hearing Officer Joanne V. Yandow, Esq. was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Attorney Antonetti provided information in support of the Motion for Summary Suspension. Attorney Tynan spoke in opposition

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, that the Board not review a DVD offered by the Department. The motion passed with Dr. Wolf, Dr. Green, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fellows, Dr. Jacobs, Dr. Lindberg and Mr. McAnaney voting in favor of the motion.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to grant the motion for Summary Suspension because respondent's continued practice of medicine represents a clear and immediate danger to public health and safety. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Gordon who was opposed and Dr. Wolf and Ms. Loving who abstained.

The hearing panelists in this matter will be Ms. Doremus, Rabbi Greer and hearing panelist Velandy Manohar, MD. The hearing will be scheduled for July 1, 2011.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES of July 19, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the June 21, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. OLD BUSINESS cont.**

Charles Ray Jones, MD v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board (CV10-6004778-S)

Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia reported that the Superior Court has issued a decision in this matter in which it upheld part of the Board's March 16, 2010 Memorandum of Decision and also ordered a remand. The Superior Court Decision has been appealed to the Appellate Court by respondent.

Attorney DeMattia will be having a discussion with respondent's attorney regarding delaying the hearing on remand until the after the Appellate Court decision.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Oral Argument - Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
David Lastomirsky, MD - Petition No. 2008-0606-001-100

Attorney David Robertson was present for respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles and Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti were present for the Department of Public Health. The reviewed the Proposed Memorandum of Decision and a Department of Public Health request to modify the proposed discipline. Dr. Fellows, chair of the hearing panel provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a \$1500.00 civil penalty.

B Respondent Motion to Rescind Summary Suspension  
Chiman Patel, MD – Petition No. 2011-296

Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Following comments by Attorneys Tynan and Tilles, Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows to deny respondent's motion to rescind the Summary Suspension ordered on June 21, 2010. The motion passed unanimously.

C Respondent Motion to Rescind Summary Suspension  
Gerson Sternstein, MD – Petition No. 2009-200921

Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia was present to provide counsel to the Board. Following comments by Attorneys Tynan and Tilles, Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows to deny respondent's motion to rescind the Summary Suspension ordered on August 17, 2010. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who abstained from voting.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

Mark Anderson MD – Petition No. 2009-20091433

Principal Attorney, Matthew Antonetti, was present for the Department of Public Health. Respondent was present without representation. Dr. Anderson addressed the Board regarding his request for a modification of the terms of his license probation, as set forth in a Consent Order dated March 16, 2010. Respondent requests a modification that would allow him to practice in a setting that includes other "licensed Health care professionals" instead of just "physicians". Attorney Antonetti spoke in opposition to the request. Dr. Jacobs made a motion for a hearing panel to make a recommendation regarding respondent's request. There was no second to this motion. Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Rissi, to deny respondent's request to modify the terms of probation. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who was opposed.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD  
MINUTES of August 16, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-A.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Douglas Fellows, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the July 19, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the minutes as edited. The motion passed with all in favor except Goldenberg, Dr. Lindberg and Ms. Loving who abstained.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Doremus announced that being with the September 20, 2011 meeting there will be an open forum as part of the meeting agenda.

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Barbara Case, Section Chief, Facility Licensing and Investigation Section of the Department of Public Health addressed the Board. Ms. Cass gave an overview of the Facility Licensing and Investigation Section and discussed the investigation of complaints generated from the reporting of adverse events. Ms. Cass also discussed the procedures for the licensing and accreditation of hospitals.

**IV. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

J. Bristol, MD - Petition No. 2008-0714-001-138 Hearing completed, awaiting post-hearing briefs.

F. Carbone - (Reinstatement Request) Proposed Memorandum of Decision 9/20/2011.

R. Hillsman - Petition No. 2009-0520-001-097 Hearing scheduled for 09/13/11 and 10/04/11.

J. Nakouzi - Petition No. 2007-0424-001-060 Proposed Consent Order 9/20/2011.

P. Nath - Petition No. 2009-20091373 Hearing Scheduled for 10/07/11.

N. Smerling - Petition No. 2008-0314-001-052 Draft Memorandum of Decision being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General

R. Sica - Petition No. 2007-0227-001-030 Proposed Memorandum of Decision being drafted.

G. Sternstein, MD - Petition No. 2009-200921 Proposed Memorandum of Decision 9/20/2011

M. Yekta, MD - Petition No. 2007-0328-001-047 Hearing dates to be scheduled.

Dr. Goldberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to grant 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Amy O'Donnell, MD – Petition No. 2011-25

Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Principal Attorney, Matthew Antonetti, was present for the Department of Public Health.

Respondent was present with Attorney Hilary Fisher-Nelson.

The Board reviewed a motion filed by respondent to reconsider the Board's rejection of a proposed Consent Order on June 21, 2011.

Dr. Wolf moved, and Dr. Jacobs seconded, that the Board reconsider its June 21, 2011 decision.

The motion passed unanimously.

Upon advice from the Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Goldenberg moved, and Dr. Jacobs seconded, to enter executive session pursuant to §§ 1-210(6) and 1-210(b)(2) to discuss confidential medical information in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

At the request of the Assistant Attorney General, Dr. Goldenberg made a motion seconded by Dr. Wolf to add the matter of Gerson Sternstein v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board HHD-CV11-6023821-S to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation in this matter with the Assistant Attorney General. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board entered executive session from 2:10 pm until 2:40 p.m.

During executive session Attorney Nelson provided the Board with confidential medical records in the matter of Amy O'Donnell, MD.

No motions were made and no votes were taken regarding this matter while in executive session.

Attorney Nelson and Dr. O'Donnell were excused from the executive session following this discussion.

Assistant Attorney General Shapiro addressed the Board regarding a civil suit filed against the Board by Gerson Sternstein, MD and discussed potential strategy in response to the suit. No motions were made and no votes were taken regarding this matter while in executive session.

Following executive session Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve a Consent Order presented by the Department of Public Health. The motion passed unanimously. The Order was signed by Ms. Doremus, which imposes a reprimand of Dr. O'Donnell's license.

B. Vernon Atreidis, MD – Petition No. 2011-721

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented an Interim Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Wolf made a motion seconded by Ms. Loving to adopt the Interim Consent Order which suspends respondent's license pending completion of an investigation. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Scott Boden, MD – Petition No. 2010-5509

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Steven Seligman was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Jacobs made a motion seconded by Dr. Sadinsky to approve the Consent Order. Following considerable discussion the motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

D. Dmitry Mironov, MD – Petition No. 2010-249

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Jacobs made a motion seconded by Ms. Loving to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a \$1000.00 civil penalty.

E. Peter Benet, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091063

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney June Sullivan was present on behalf of respondent. Dr. Wolf made a motion seconded by Dr. Green to approve the Consent Order. Following extensive discussion the motion passed with all in favor except Mr. McAnaney who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a two-year probation and a \$10,000.00 civil penalty.

Dr. Jacobs left for the day at 3:40 p.m.

F. Michael Waldman, MD – Petition No. 2010-5517

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented. Dr. Wolf made a motion seconded by Dr. Green to reject the Consent Order. Following extensive discussion the motion to reject this Consent Order was approved unanimously. The board commented that this matter should proceed to a hearing.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of September 20, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** None

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

Dr. Green moved and Dr. Fellows seconded to add item V-H (Jeffrey Lane, MD) to the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows and Dr. Gordon who abstained.

**II. UPDATES**

- A. Chair Updates
1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
  2. Hearing assignments.

Mr. McAnaney arrived at 1:37 p.m.

B. Department of Public Health

Marianne Horn, Esq., Department of Public Health, Agency Legal Director introduced herself to the Board.

C. Charles Ray Jones, MD v. Connecticut Medical Examining Board (CV08-4016294-S)

The Board reviewed a letter from Assistant Attorney General Tanya DeMattia regarding Dr. Jones' appeal to the Supreme Court. The only issue to be addressed by the Court will be whether "preponderance of the evidence" or "clear and convincing evidence should have applied in this matter.

### III. **NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. Residency Equivalency Determination - Guixiang Wang, MD

Maritsa Morales, Licensing and Applications Analyst, Department of Public Health presented information for the Board to review to determine if Dr. Wang's education and training are equivalent to 2 years of ACGME accredited residency training. Following discussion Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs to deny the acceptance of Dr. Wang's education and training as being equivalent to the two year ACGME accredited training requirement.

The motion with all in favor except Mr. Andrews, Dr. Goldenberg, Dr. Fellows and Rabbi Greer who were opposed.

#### B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision

##### Gerson Sternstein, MD - Petition No. 2009-200921

Attorney Richard Tynan was present with respondent. Staff Attorney David Tilles was present for the Department of Public Health. Assistant Attorney General Daniel Shapiro was present to provide counsel to the Board.

Dr. Wolf and Rabbi Greer recused themselves in this matter.

Attorney Tynan offered to present written comments prepared by Dr. Sternstein. The Board unanimously voted to deny this request.

Hearing panelists Ms. Doremus and Dr. Jacobs provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

The Board heard argument from Attorney's Tynan and Tilles.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written.

The motion passed with all in favor except Rabbi Greer and Dr. Wolf who were recused.

Ms. Doremus signed the Order which revokes Dr. Sternstein's license and imposes a \$50,000.00 civil penalty.

#### B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision

##### Francisco Carbone, MD - Request for License Reinstatement

Dr. Carbone was present without counsel. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board heard argument from Dr. Carbone and Attorney Antonetti.

Hearing panelists Ms. Doremus and Dr. Lindberg provided a synopsis of the hearing panel's findings and recommendations.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Doremus signed the Order which denies Dr. Carbone's request for license reinstatement.

### IV. **120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

D. Goodkind, MD – Petition No. 2008-0310-001-045 – Second hearing day to be scheduled

R. Mahabir, MD - Petition No. 2008-0201-001-017 - Hearing day to be scheduled

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to grant 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. John Bonadies, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091429

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf, Dr. Goldenberg and Ms. Loving who recused themselves. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license.

B. Asante K. Mendes, MD – Petition No. 2009-2009264

Leslie Scoville, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Motion to Withdraw Statement of Charges subsequent to a pre-hearing conference in this matter. Attorney Richard Tynan was present on behalf of respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Goldenberg, to grant the motion to withdraw.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who recused himself.

C. Laurent Brard, MD – Petition No. 2010-5470

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license.

D. Gregory Criscuolo, MD – Petition No. 2010-7

Diane Wilan, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Neither respondent nor his attorney was present.

Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license.

E. Phyllis Holtzman, MD – Petition No. 2010-5619

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand of respondent's license.

F. Jarir Nakouzi, MD – Petition No. 2007-0424-001-060

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Heidi Cilano was present on behalf of respondent.

Mr. McAnaney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Jacobs who was opposed. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which places respondent's license on probation for two years and imposes a practice restriction and a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

G. Kathy Hazen Lane (unlicensed) – Petition No. 2011-983

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Wolf, to approve the Consent Order. The

motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Consent Order which orders respondent to cease and desist from the practice of medicine.

H. Jeffrey Lane, MD – Petition No. 2011-177

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Thomas Anderson.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny the Consent Order

The motion passed with all in favor except Mr. Andrews, Ms. Loving and Mr. McAnaney who were opposed and Dr. Rissi who rescued himself.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of October 18, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** Douglas Fellows, MD

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the August 16, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Rabbi Greer made a motion, seconded Dr. Green, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Proposed Memorandum of Decision  
Neil Smerling, MD - Petition No.2009-200921

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Mr. McAnaney, to adopt the Memorandum of Decision which dismisses the charges against Dr. Smerling. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

- B. Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision
- Respondent Motion to Modify Proposed Memorandum of Decision
  - Respondent Motion to Dismiss Statement of Charges
  - Motion to Rescind Summary Suspension

Chiman Patel, MD – 2011-296

Attorney Richard Tynan was present with respondent. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

Attorney Tynan on behalf of Dr. Patel withdrew respondent's Motion to rescind Summary Suspension and Motion to Dismiss.

Following argument on the proposed Memorandum of Decision and respondent's motion to modify, Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to adopt the proposed decision with the addition of language as proposed by respondent pertaining to a structured payment plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

Following inclusion of the additional language, the decision imposing a practice restriction; probation for a period of five years and a \$30,000.00 civil penalty, will be signed by Ms. Doremus.

**IV. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

M.J. Brackett, MD – Petition No. 2009-200970 – A hearing date is scheduled for November 15, 2011.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. William Beason, MD – Petition No. 2010-148

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Attorney Thomas Boyce was present with respondent.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon, to deny the Consent Order due insufficient information having been presented to make an informed decision. Following discussion Dr. Green withdrew his motion.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the proposed Consent Order.

The motion passed with Mr. Andrews, Dr. Sadinsky, Dr. Lindberg, Ms. Loving, Dr. Goldenberg and Ms. Doremus voting in favor. Dr. Gordon, Dr. Rissi, Dr. Wolf, Rabbi Greer and Mr. McAnaney were opposed. Dr. Green abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and probation of respondent's license.

B. Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2010-148

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Goldenberg made a motion, seconded by Rabbi Greer, to reject the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that a civil penalty be added to the Order. The Board also suggested that the Department of Public Health conduct a review of the surgeries performed by the other physicians practicing at the facility in question.

**VI. OPEN FORUM**

The Board had a lengthy discussion regarding the presentation of Consent Orders by the Department of Public Health. It was the consensus of the Board that the presentation of additional fact information by the DPH Staff Attorneys will be helpful for Board members to make an informed decision when reviewing Consent Orders for approval

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of November 15, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the October 18, 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Sadinsky made a motion, seconded Dr. Gordon, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed with all in favor.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.
3. Ms. Doremus reported that she had a discussion with Jewel Mullen, MD, Commissioner, Department of Public Health as to potential changes to the process by which disciplinary matters are reviewed by the Board.

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Regina Hillsman, MD – 2009-0520-001-097 – Fact Finding Scheduled for 11-22-2011.  
Prem Nath, MD - Petition No. 2009-20091373 – Hearing scheduled for 10-05-2012.  
Robban Sica, MD - Petition No. 2007-0227-001-030 – Decision being drafted.  
Mahmood Yekta, MD – 2007-0328-001-047 – Hearing to be scheduled for January 2012.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to grant 120 day extension in these matters. The motion passed unanimously

**IV. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Sanjay Aggarwal, MD – Petition No. 2011-317

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Fellows made a motion seconded by Dr. Goldenberg to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Loving who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

Rabbi Greer arrived at 1:37 p.m.

B. Neha Batheja, PA-C – Petition No. 2010-5266

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

C. Rabindranath Mahabir, MD – Petition Nos. 2008-200860; 2008-2008106; 2009-2009160

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Andrew Pianka.

Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

D. Christopher Sinclair, MD – Petition No. 2010-182

Linda Fazzina, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to deny approval of the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously.

E. Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2010-148

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present without representation.

Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to reaffirm its decision from the October 18, 2011 meeting, which was to deny approval of the Consent Order as written.

The motion passed unanimously.

F. John Dubaz, MD – Petition No. 2011-67

David Tilles, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney James Biondo.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the Consent Order

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Green who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order.

**V. OPEN FORUM**

The Board discussed the need for one or two Board members to review a case early in the investigation process so that the full facts of a case are known prior to a proposed resolution being presented to the full Board.

It was also suggested that when the Department of Public Health prepares Consent Order cover sheets, that patient outcomes be provided in standard of care cases.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson

**CONNECTICUT MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD**  
**MINUTES of December 20, 2011**

The Connecticut Medical Examining Board held a meeting on Tuesday, December 20, 2011 at the Legislative Office Building, Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut in conference room 1-C.

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**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Anne Doremus, Chairperson  
Raymond Andrews, Jr., Esq.  
Douglas Fellows, MD  
Jeffrey A. Gordon, MD  
Robert Green, MD  
Rabbi Dov Greer  
Henry Jacobs, MD  
Michael Lindberg, MD  
Patricia Loving, PA  
Daniel Rissi, MD  
Howard Sadinsky, DO  
C. Steven Wolf, MD

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT** David M. Goldenberg, MD  
Edward McAnaney, Esq.

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Ms. Doremus called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**I. MINUTES**

The draft minutes of the November 15 2011 meeting were reviewed. Dr. Gordon made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.

**II. UPDATES**

A. Chair Updates

1. Monthly tracking of pending cases.
2. Hearing assignments.

B. Department of Public Health

None

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Anton Chinniah, MD – 2009-0114001-008

- Oral Argument on Proposed Memorandum of Decision
- DPH Request to Modify Proposed Memorandum of Decision

Respondent was present without respondent. Principal Attorney Matthew Antonetti was present for the Department of Public Health.

The Board entertained comments from Dr. Chinniah and Attorney Antonetti.

Assistant Attorney General Henry Salton was present and provided advice to the Board.

Following discussion on the proposed Memorandum of Decision and the Department's request to modify, Dr. Wolf made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to remand this matter back to the hearing panel for clarification of the panel's conclusions and recommendation.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Lindberg who abstained.

**IV. 120 DAY EXTENSIONS**

Jyoji Bristol, MD – 2008-0714-001-138 – A Proposed Memorandum of Decision is being reviewed by the Assistant Attorney General and should be ready for presentation to the Board at the January 17, 2012 meeting.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Fellows, to grant a 120 day extension in this matter. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board subsequently had discussion regarding the procedure for 120 day extensions and the need to move cases along more quickly. Further discussion will be undertaken by a workgroup.

**V. LEGAL OFFICE BUSINESS**

A. Ross Glassman, MD – Petition No. 2010-5504

Ellen Shanley, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Jacobs, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Fellows, Dr. Sadinsky who were opposed and Dr. Wolf who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand and a period of probation.

B. John Hallberg, MD– Petition No. 2011-510

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was not present or represented.

Dr. Fellows made a motion, seconded by Rabbi Greer, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

C. David Kloth, MD– Petition No. 2011-621

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Jason Prueher.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a \$5000.00 civil penalty.

D. Robert Lucas, PA-C– Petition No. 2011-633

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was represented by Attorney Albert Danker.

Dr. Green made a motion, seconded by Dr. Sadinsky, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a period of probation.

E. Ellen Mascoli-Lanza, MD – Petition No. 2011-765

Linda Fazzino, Staff Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Richard Brown.

Dr. Lindberg made a motion, seconded by Ms. Loving, to approve the Consent Order. The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand.

F. George Northrop, MD– Petition No. 2009-20091156

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter Respondent was present but was not represented.

Mr. Andrews made a motion, seconded by Dr. Green, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a five-year period of probation.

G. Joel Singer, MD – Petition No. 2010-148

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present but not represented.

Dr. Jacobs made a motion, seconded by Dr. Gordon, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed unanimously. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, probation for two years and a \$2500.00 civil penalty.

H. Tom Bell, MD – Petition No. 2009-20091116

Matthew Antonetti, Principal Attorney, Department of Public Health presented a Consent Order in this matter. Respondent was present with Attorney Don Leone.

Ms. Loving made a motion, seconded by Dr. Lindberg, to approve the Consent Order.

The motion passed with all in favor except Dr. Wolf who abstained. Ms. Doremus signed the Order which imposes a reprimand, a \$5000.00 civil penalty and a requirement to provide DPH with notice of at least 90 days prior to resuming surgical practice.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne C. Doremus, Chairperson